Setting up of a Railway Training Institute at Guwahati

1078. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Railway Training Institute at Guwahati.

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be opened; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) There is demand for setting up a Centralised Railway Training Institute for Staff at Guwahati. The feasibility of the proposal is under examination.

Reinstatement of casual labour of Food Corporation of India, Nalgonda Andhra Pradesh

1079. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retrenched casual labourers of Food Corporation of India. Nalgonda, Andhra Pradesh, are on agitation since 9th July, 1990 demanding for their reinstatement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Industrial Tribunal and the Andhra Pradesh High Court had given verdicts in favour of their reinstatement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Food Corporation of India had decided to honour these judgements;

(d) if so, the reasons for not complying with court's judgements; and

(e) whether Government propose to take any steps for early reinstatement of these retrenched workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The workers called off the agitation from 10th August, 1990.

(b) The Central Government Industrial Tribunal had held that 82 daily rated casual watchmen, whose services were dispensed with by FCI due to closure of CAP storage at Nalgonda District were entitled for retrenchment compensation from the date of their termination till the date of closure of the Depot under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The Andhra Pradesh High Court has directed FCI to consider the retrenched workers for re-employment under the ID. Act, 1947 on priority basis as and when vacancies arise.

(c) The FCI paid retrenchment compensation as per the award of the Industrial Tribunal and did not file appeal against the judgement of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

(d) and (e) As per Andhra Pradesh High Court's judgement, FCI is to consider the case for re-appointment of the retrenched workers on priority basis as and when vacancies arise. It has not yet been possible for FCI to reappoint them for want of vacancies. The FCI is, however, making efforts in this direction.

Non-Payment of salaries to staff of National council for safety in mines, Dhanbad

1080. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 9th July, 1990 from the National Counci for Safety in Mines Employees Association, Dhanbad, Bihar, regarding non-payment of salaries to staff since May 1990;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;